

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, City of Monticello, Indiana was held on Monday, March 17, 2008 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, was answered by Mayor Jason Thompson, Council Persons Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meeting on March 3, 2008 and a Special Council Meeting on March 11, 2008, a motion was made by Council Person Jim Mann, seconded by Council Person Grace Oilar, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that April 26th is the City Auction and he would like the Spring Cleanup around the same date. They will pick up brush on the 1st and 3rd week of April. Diesel fuel is too expensive to pick up more often.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that all the bullet proof vest are in and they all fit. The Assistant Chief and Curt are sitting down tomorrow to talk to KIRPC on some grant work they are wanting done. He will also be meeting with Council Persons Mann and Kelly to address the handicap issues.

Park Superintendent Mitch Billue stated that he received the final copy of the Master 5 year plan. He is making a copy of this for all of us. On March 31, 2008 he will be having his Public Hearing for this Master Plan. He also stated that he has located the two piers he lost at Bluewater due to the flood. He is working with the Boat Parade Committee to have a celebration at the park on July 5th.

Wade Cohagen spoke on behalf of Water Superintendent Rod Pool that they were going to boar a line under McDonald's tomorrow.

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that overall everything was good. He introduced Kevin Mohler, who spoke about the Pandemic Workshop he attended today at the Court House. We still have not been declared a flood disaster for public assistance by FEMA. Ghost Hollow may possibly be able to be added on for additional FEMA funding.

**Consideration of Resolution 2008 -3 Approving White County Area Plan
Commission Order – TIF Expansion**

City Attorney Loy stated that this Resolution is the next step in the TIF expansion project. Monticello Redevelopment Commission approved the Declaratory Resolution

amending the original TIF district. The original TIF was established in 1999 with 111 acres. The MRC approved to expand the district 225 acres. The White County Area Plan Commission then approved this plan. The Resolution tonight is approving the amended Declaratory Resolution, the amended Economic Development Plan, and the order of the White County Area Plan Commission. Council Person Oilar made the motion to approve Resolution 2008 – 3, seconded by Council Person Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration to Allow Great Oaks Apartment Complex to Pursue Funding

City Attorney Loy stated that the only commitment the Council has considered is to provide police patrols, provide fire safety inspections, training, and emergency response training for residents, wood chips, and fill. And there is also an acknowledgment of our existing policy for tap fees which does not waive any existing fees that we already charge but helps score points for the funding. There are still other required approval such as drainage plans and the construction project. Council Person Oilar made the motion to allow Great Oaks Apartment Complex to pursue funding, seconded by Council Person Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of Rescinding Fire Vending Ordinance 95 – 8 – Fire Department

Chief Swaim stated the local union expressed interest in taking over the vending account. This ordinance spells out what the vending money is to be used for. He would like the Council to abolish this ordinance and let the union be responsible for the fire vending account. The new Ordinance 2008- states this and that the money left over in the account be placed in the General Fire Gift Fund. Council Person Mann made the motion to suspend the rules to pass Ordinance 2008- , seconded by Council Person Oilar. All ayes, motion carried. Council Person Mann made the motion to approve Ordinance 2008 - , seconded by Council Person Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of Funding for Fire Department Engine Bay Project

Chief Swaim stated that the wall in the engine bay is rotting out and needs fixing. He believes that the department can handle this project and remove the wall. Expenses will amount to around \$1000 dollars which he is asking the Council to pay. Council Person Kelly made the motion to approve \$1000 from the Building & Maintenance appropriation to remove the wall in the engine bay, seconded by Council Person Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

Spring Clean Up

Street Superintendent Roberts stated that he would like the Council to set the Spring Clean Up date before the City Auction. The Council set April 16th and 17th for Spring Clean Up.

Accounts Payable Vouchers

Council Person Oilar and Council Person Smith had a concern on the Fire Accounts Payable on the ambulance repair. This is an error and the only thing being paid is the \$1000 deductible. Council Person Oilar made the motion to approve the accounts payable, seconded by Council Person Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matter

Dave Debois stated that the effluent repair at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is now complete. The material is in for the fence at Ghost Hollow and is scheduled to be installed this Thursday. CTE and Indot are still pursuing the FSWA for emergency repair for the work that needs to be done at Ghost Hollow.

Mayor Thompson stated that he, Chief Swaim, and Council Person Kelly are looking for ways to raise public funds for an Aerial Truck for the Fire Department. They spoke with Ball Corporation and he has received a letter stating they will commit to donating \$15,000 each year for the next three years.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.

Liz Oilar
Clerk Treasurer